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ABSTRACT

The practicum experience in the field of recreation and leisure studies is an important aspect of a student's preparation for the field of recreation and leisure services. This workbook covers the requirements for everyone involved in the practicum experience: student, agency, agency supervisor, college/university, director of field placement, and adjunct faculty. Fifteen general goals for the practicum experience are outlined, highlighting the primary goal of giving the recreation and leisure studies major an opportunity to combine new experience with old skills to become a "professional recreator." The workbook is divided into five sections with relevant sub-categories in each: (1) "Introduction"; (2) "Practicum Process," including eligibility requirements, procedures for placement, general policies for college or university; (3) "Practicum Program Job Descriptions," including the director of field placement, agency supervisor, and adjunct faculty appointments; (4) "Student Application and Placement," including samples of student application forms, resumes, cover letter, confirmation of interview, and confirmation of placement; and (5) "Practicum Assignments," including a checklist of forms covering the work schedule, goals and objectives, appraisals, and a post-practicum inventory. The two appendices provide data tables of site supervisor characteristics and sample agency application forms. (SPM)

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